

A<sup>1</sup>  
than the compound of claim 2, selected from the group consisting of methacrylate, esters, acrylate esters, epoxy, and vinyl ethers.

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A<sup>2</sup>  
17. (Amended) A liquid crystal composition comprising: the compound of claim 4, the polymer of claim 11, the polymer of claim 13 or a mixture thereof; and at least one monomer compound other than the compound of claim 4, selected from the group consisting of methacrylate esters, acrylate esters, epoxy, and vinyl ethers.

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A<sup>3</sup>  
20. (Amended) An optically anisotropic product produced with the compound of claim 2, the polymer of claim 10, the polymer of claim 12 or a mixture thereof.

21. (Amended) An optically anisotropic product produced with the compound of claim 4, the polymer of claim 11, the polymer of claim 13 or a mixture thereof.

22. (Amended) An optical or liquid crystal element produced with the compound of claim 2, the polymer of claim 10, the polymer of claim 12 or a mixture thereof.

23. (Amended) An optical or liquid crystal element produced with the compound of claim 4, the polymer of claim 11, the polymer of claim 13 or a mixture thereof.

Please add the following claims:

32. An optically anisotropic product produced with the liquid crystal composition of claim 14.

33. An optically anisotropic product produced with the polymer of claim 16.

34. An optically anisotropic product produced with the liquid composition of claim 17.

35. An optically anisotropic product produced with the polymer of claim 19.

36. An optical or liquid crystal element produced with the liquid crystal composition of claim 14.

37. An optical or liquid crystal element produced with the polymer of claim 16.

38. An optical or liquid crystal element produced with the liquid crystal composition of claim 17.

39. An optical or liquid crystal element produced with the polymer of claim 19.

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